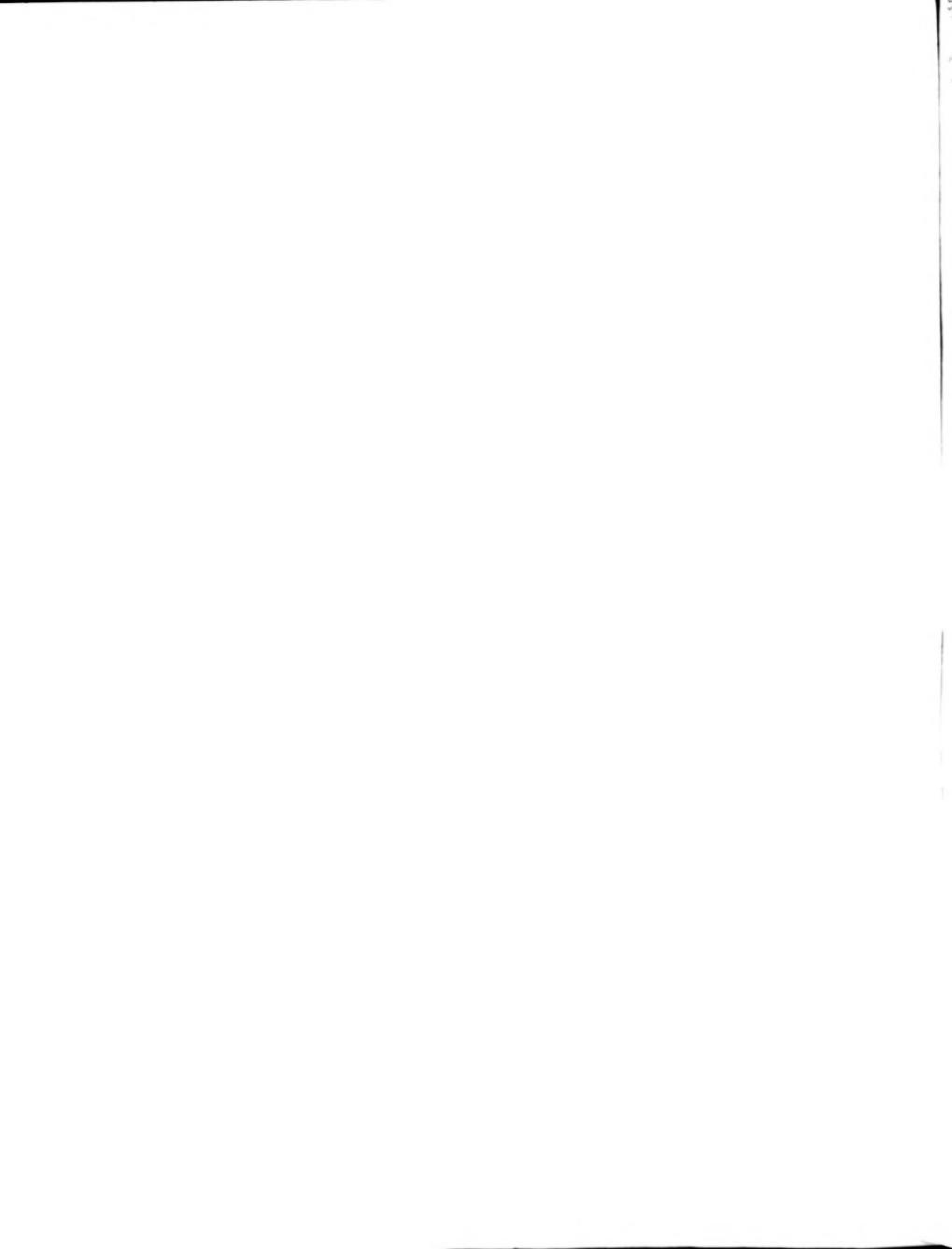


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FAIRFIELD LIBRARIAN

RETIRES Peggy Mast retired after 25 years as the Fairfield Librarian. The new librarian, Blanche Ginter, started on February 1, 1995.

LEGISLATION REPORT

The section of HB 2 [the Appropriations bill] that includes the State Library's budget was passed by the House of Representatives March 16th with no cuts. The bill next goes to the Senate Finance and Claims Committee and then to the Senate floor.

HB 83, the anti-obscenity bill, was defeated in the full Senate by a 32-18 vote, and the vote to reconsider the bill was defeated by a 28-22 vote. It appears to be dead for this session.

Set aside funding for federations and networking in SB 83 [the "de-earmarking" bill] was restored by the House Appropriations Committee. It has not yet been heard by the full House.

SB 154 related to federations was tabled in the Senate State Administration Committee, and correspondence was sent by the committee chair to the Commission.

SB 265, the Talking Book Trust bill, was approved by the Senate but will probably be amended in the House to allow for a State Library Trust.

IF MEETING SET AT MSU-

NORTHERN Montana State University-Northern will host a conference on Intellectual Freedom [IF] in Higher Education April 13-15. Most people know these as issues of political correctness, which involve many touchy questions including:

- Should classic writers like Mark Twain, whose Huckleberry Finn is offensive to many African-American people, be taught?
- Are hate speech codes, enacted by many colleges, an unwarranted attack on freedom of speech?
Contact Dr. Will Rawn at MSU-Northern 800-662-6132 or 265-3789.

STATE LIBRARY

COMMISSION As we go to press, we've learned that Marie Thompson, former State Library Commissioner, died March 16th in Houston, TX.

The State Library Commission is currently recruiting for Montana Library Services Advisory Council members, to fill a two-year term beginning in May 1995. The Council meets four times per year and advises the State Library Commission on the "development and well-being of libraries" and on the use of Federal Library Services and Construction Act funds, among

other duties. The areas of library service that could be represented by new members include: library services to each of five library federations [Broad Valleys, Pathfinder, Sagebrush, South Central, or Tamarack], public libraries, special libraries, state agency libraries, the disabled, or the institutionalized. A member may represent more than one constituency. Completed nomination forms must be returned to the State Library before May 1, 1995; contact Mary Jane West, State Library, 444-3384, fax 444-5612.

On February 22, 1995, the State Library Commission awarded LSCA Title II Construction grants to Conrad Public Library in the amount of \$46,568 for installation of an elevator on the exterior of the building; and to the Town/County Library of Hot Springs for \$80,777 to build a new 3600 square-foot facility. At the same meeting, the Commission approved the LSCA grant manual for FY96 and approved a request from the State Library for \$25,000 of LSCA funds to purchase computer equipment for the Statewide Technology Consultant; grassroots input into the LSCA Long Range Program; development of a statewide automation plan and administrative support for the Library Services Advisory Council's LSCA committees.

STATE LIBRARY The 1996 LSCA Grant Manual will be distributed to public and academic libraries by the end of March 1995. Others interested in obtaining a copy of the manual should contact Bob Cooper, LSCA Specialist, 406-444-5350.

The Library Futures task forces combined meeting is scheduled for April 7, 1995. It will be held at the Lewistown Public Library from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A professional facilitator will work through the goal statements with the group.

The Statewide Technology Committee under the leadership of Vicki Terbovich, Statewide Technology Consultant, is back in business. The committee has been reactivated after nearly a three year hiatus, and is in high gear. The group's focus will be the development of a Statewide Strategic Plan for Library Technology. The Statewide Technology Committee has defined its work plan for approval by the Montana Library Commission at the April 25 meeting prior to MLA in Billings. A number of working groups will be developed by the committee.

The mission statement: "The Montana Statewide Technology Committee, dedicated to the concept of universal access to information resources for all Montanans, has as its mission the development of guidelines, strategies, and recommendations for Montana libraries, regardless of size or location."

Contact Vicki Terbovich, Statewide Technology Consultant, 406-444-5431 or E-mail, vterbs@wln.com.

Changes to the 1995 Montana Library Directory:

- Peggy Guthrie, State Library

Commission, Correct fax: 406-466-2726

- Roosevelt County Library-Wolf Point
New Hours... Winter: M-F 10a-5p; Tu, Th 7-9p; Sa 10a-1p
Summer: M-F 10a-5p; Tu, Th 7-9p
- Lewistown City Library is now the Lewistown Public Library.
- Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind Library-Great Falls
New Zip code: 59405-1697
New Phone: 406-771-6045
New Fax: 406-771-6164
- Rocky Mountain Laboratory Library-Hamilton:
New Fax: 406-363-9204
- Broadwater School/Community Library-Townsend:
New Phone: 406-266-5060
- Rimrock Foundation Library:
New Address:
1231 N. 29th St. Suite 103
Billings, MT 59101
- Harlowton Public Library
New Phone: 406-632-5584
- Sue Nissen, Director, Law Library, Montana Power Company
New Fax: 406-497-2451
- New Library: Heritage Christian School, 4310 Durston Road, Bozeman, MT 59715, Phone 406-587-9311.

BOZEMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

BridgerNet: Library staff have completed BridgerNet Training, an automated library system purchased from the Library Service Division of Ameritech. The training covered topics pertaining to author-title search, registering patrons, library materials check-in and check-out and cataloging. BridgerNet will be available for public use by early summer.

Health Reference Center Database: Thanks to a generous anonymous gift to the Bozeman Public Library Foundation and matching funds from the Foundation, the Bozeman Public Library now subscribes to a new CD-ROM database entitled Health Reference Center. It offers a complete consumer health library in one integrated system. The system is easy to use and printing is currently available at no charge.

PARMLY PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Parmly Library's PAC [Public Access Catalog] now has two new databases that the public can use to find up-to-date information from hundreds of business magazines as well as information on more than 100,000 publicly and privately owned companies.

The Business Index and Company Profiles, two databases produced by Information Access Corporation in California, are now available through the library's Gateway Access on catalog terminals in the Library or by dial up from home or office computers. Contact 406-657-8258.

"ANNE FRANK IN THE WORLD" at the Parmly Library:

From March 6th through April 8th, Parmly Billings Library will host the international exhibit "Anne Frank in the World: 1929-1945." The exhibit was created by the Anne Frank Center in Amsterdam, and opened in 1985 in Amsterdam, Frankfurt and New York. Since then, this exhibit has been seen by three million people worldwide. Contact Parmly Library, 406-657-8257.

HAVRE-HILL COUNTY LIBRARY

The Havre-Hill Community Library Foundation plans to underwrite the cost of automation for the Havre-Hill County Library. The public library proposes to have its card catalog and circulation system on a computer.

LITERACY Seventeen Pizza Hut Restaurants in Montana have agreed to sell "CARRY-OUT-FOR-LITERACY" cards for \$10.00 each, with total proceeds going to the Montana Adult Literacy Council. The card guarantees the holder unlimited buy-one, get-one-free carry-out pizza purchases from Pizza Hut for one year from date of issue.

The communities involved include Anaconda, Butte, Bozeman, Livingston, Hardin, Billings, Laurel, Miles City, Glendive, Sidney and Glasgow. Each restaurant will have card for sale beginning March 27th.

It is anticipated that as many as 10,000 cards may be in circulation in Montana, and as a consequence, a contribution of fifty to one hundred thousand dollars can be anticipated. Contact: Rod Davidson, Pizza Hut Marketing 406-245-9727.

"MEASURING CHANGE IN RURAL COMMUNITIES," a video presentation, will be shown on April 22nd from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Presenters will be Vicky York and Jerry Johnson of MSU. Sites include the U of M, MSU-Bozeman, MSU Billings and the Helena College of Technology. Watch for the brochure.

FAMILY READING PROGRAM

A kick-off celebration for the 1995 Montana Family Reading

Program will take place March 29th in the Capitol Rotunda. Planned guests include Governor Racicot, Superintendent of Public Instruction Nancy Keenan, State Library Commission Chair Anne Hauptman, Commissioner Diana Boom, State Librarian Richard Miller, MEA President Eric Feaver, MT Reading Association President Ron Scherry, and General Federation of Women's Clubs representatives Mary Reid and Sandi Conredy. The artist for this year's manual is Capital High [Helena] senior Paul Clark.

NOTABLE BOOKS COUNCIL

CHOSES BEST BOOKS FOR 1995 The list was released during the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia. Contact ALA Graphics, 800-545-2433x7.

FREE MATERIALS FOR SCHOOLS AND RURAL LIBRARIES Small libraries serving students may want to order *Free Materials for Schools and Libraries*, a 16-page newsletter with five issues each year. It provides a list of recommended free materials and services with brief annotations by professional reviewers. Drug education, family violence, equity funds, child care unions, making bread, and AIDS are a few topics in the March/April 1994 issue. Contact Free Materials, 604-876-3377.

RURAL AND SMALL LIBRARY SERVICES

The Rural and Small Library Services Newsletter is back in publication under a new editor, Susan Hill. Regular columns cover bookmobile services by John Philip, small library management

by David Karre, and the long-time favorite, "The Cracker Barrel," by John Christensen. Regular features include "The Kid's Comer," rural resources, and literacy concerns. Contact Rural & Small Library Services Newsletter, 419-352-2903.

"A DIRECTORY OF ADAPTIVE TECHNOLOGIES TO AID LIBRARIES AND STAFF WITH DISABILITIES" is the latest publication from the ALA's Library and Information Technology Association [LITA].

The publication, designed to provide a one-stop resource on these technologies for libraries, summarizes disability-related legislation and provides guidance for upgrading the work environment to comply with current legislation. The book also offers information about organizations providing support services to people with adaptive technology needs, serves as a reference in identifying and selecting assistive devices and identifies funding sources for securing equipment and technology. Contact: 800-545-2433x7.

ALA ANNOUNCES

"AMERICANS CAN'T WAIT"

CAMPAIGN The ALA has announced a new campaign to alert policy makers to the urgency and scope of the public's need for information and for libraries that can meet those needs.

The goals are to increase public awareness and understanding about libraries and their role on the new information superhighway, to increase contacts between library advocates and legislators and LSCA and ESEA.

Strategies and tips for mounting an advocacy campaign are contained in a new Library Advocacy Now! Action Pack published by ALA. Contact Gerald Hodges, 800-545-2433x5044.

LAMA OFFERS ELECTRONIC ACCESS TO FUND RAISING

INFORMATION Librarians seeking materials on fund raising and financial development now have access to clearinghouse information through the Library Administration and Management Association's LAMASOURCE fileserver on the ALA Gopher.

The Fund Raising and Financial Development

Clearinghouse file contains a subject headings list and instructions for contributing and borrowing clearinghouse materials.

To access LAMASOURCE, users can point their favorite gopher client to gopher.uic.edu. Then, select the "Library" option on the main menu and the "American Library Association" option on the submenu. Finally, select "ALA's Divisions" and "Library Administration and Management Association."

Contact: ALA Headquarters Library, Fundraising Clearinghouse, 800-545-2433, press 6.

FREE CATALOG OF LIBRARY HUMANITIES PROGRAM

RESOURCES AVAILABLE The "Whole Person Catalog 3," a resource guide to help librarians plan a wide range of humanities-oriented public programming for various age groups, is available free from the ALA.

The 24-page catalog contains descriptions, contact names, telephone numbers and fax numbers for nearly 100 sources of exhibitions, reading and discussion programs, film series, author programs, nonprofit organizations, and grant guidelines.

For a copy, send a postcard to: ALA Graphics, Whole Person Catalog, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

CALENDAR:

March 25-26	Broad Valleys Federation Retreat & Meeting-Three Forks
March 25	South Central Federation Advisory Board and PALS
March 30	Pathfinder Federation Meeting-Chester
April 7	Library Futures Task Forces-Lewistown
April 8	Anne Frank exhibit at Parmly-Billings ends
April 9-15	National Library Week
April 12	Great American Read

April 14	Aloud/Night of a Thousand Stars
April 22	Library Services Advisory Council
April 25	"Measuring Change in Rural Communities" video presentation
April 26-29	State Library commission-Billings
May 5	MLA Conference-Billings
May 8-10	Tamarack Federation Meeting-Plains
May 9	Montana GIS Users' Conference-Helena
May 17	ALA Legislative Day-Washington, D.C.
May 29	State Library Commission
	State Holiday [Memorial Day]

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